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CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: September 9, 2008

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Creeks Division, Parks and Recreation Department
Engineering Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Rejection Of Santa Barbara Golf Club Storm Water Management Project Phase I Bid

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council reject the bid for construction of the Santa Barbara Golf Club Storm Water Management Project Phase I.

DISCUSSION:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Santa Barbara Golf Club Storm Water Management Project (Project) will improve water quality in Las Positas Creek, decrease flooding onsite and downstream, and restore riparian habitat. The Project consists of constructing vegetated swales (bioswales) and storm water basins designed to retain and naturally treat polluted storm water and incidental urban runoff. The City-owned golf course is a major confluence for storm water and urban runoff from the neighboring areas of San Jose Road, Samarkand, and Adams Elementary School. The following is a list of the major project components:

- Reroute a residential neighborhood storm drain pipe to direct storm water and urban runoff to the golf course.
- Construct four large vegetated bioswales and constructed wetland complexes to capture and treat storm water runoff.
- Construct a bioswale and habitat garden at Adams School to treat runoff and teach students about wetlands and water quality.
- Stabilize the creek banks using biotechnical bank stabilization methods.
- Restore creek habitat and stabilize erosive slopes by planting over 8,000 native plants/trees at the golf course and Adams School.

The project was split into Phases I and II in order to complete the smaller project components (Phase I) before winter rains arrive, and to involve students from the adjacent Adams School while school is in session. Phase II construction was originally scheduled for summer 2009 in order to avoid major grading during the rainy season. Golf course staff has reviewed the plans to ensure compatibility with golf play.

On August 13, 2008, the Creeks Advisory Committee recommended to Council that the Creeks Division proceed with Phase I if the bid results were acceptable. Based on Phase I bid results discussed below, staff recommends rejecting the Phase I bid, combining Phases I and II, rebidding, and constructing the project in spring 2009.

PHASE I CONTRACT BID RESULTS

A total of one bid was received for Phase I work, as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT
Hanly General Engineering Corporation Santa Ynez, CA	$283,651.05

The base bid submitted by Hanley is $53,251 or 23% over the engineer's estimate developed by the design engineer, Wallace Group, of $230,400. Since the City reserves the right to reject all bids, and there is a significant difference between the engineer's estimate and the bid, the Creeks Division and Public Works Engineering are recommending that Council reject this bid. Advertising Phase I again this year would result in construction during the rainy season and increase the potential for erosion and negative impacts to water quality. By combining Phases I and II into one bid package to be advertised next spring, the risk associated with constructing during the rainy season can be avoided. In addition, combining the phases may allow the City to take advantage of economies of scale. The construction of the Adams School habitat garden can be delayed until next fall to include the incoming class of students.

FUNDING:

This project is funded by the Creek Restoration/Water Quality Improvement Capital Fund. The Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project has granted $20,000 to the Parks and Recreation Department to cover a portion of the construction and outreach costs associated with the Adams School portion of the Project. The grant funds will still be available for the project in spring 2009.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Controlling the quality and amount of urban runoff from developed areas within the City is critical for both the protection of water quality in the City and reduction of flood risks. The goal of the Project is to minimize and treat polluted runoff from urbanized landscapes and improve water quality in the creeks and ocean using the most natural, effective, and energy efficient methods possible. Natural biological systems will be utilized to treat and detain the runoff as opposed to mechanical methods, thereby reducing maintenance and energy costs that are often associated with water quality treatment systems.

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